



## TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Fair Officials

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Enclosed is a summary of Tennessee Fair Regulations - health requirements for livestock at fairs and exhibitions.

#### Special Comments:

1. It is expected that all exhibitors will bring only healthy animals to fairs and exhibitions. All animals are subject to being inspected after arrival at the show facilities and any with clinical signs of contagious disease will be sent home immediately. Certificate(s) of Veterinary Inspection are to accompany the animal(s) to the respective shows.
2. Health certificates issued in satisfaction of these Tennessee Fair Regulations shall be good for **90** days for Tennessee livestock only. Please note the additional requirements listed below for the Knoxville Spring Junior Cattle Exposition and the Tennessee Junior Livestock Exposition and associated shows (county and district).
3. As noted in the enclosed health requirements, Tennessee requires that all poultry assembled at shows or exhibitions be accompanied by evidence of a negative test for Pullorum-Typhoid within 90 days or originate directly from a flock which has been certified as Pullorum-Typhoid Clean under the Tennessee Poultry Improvement Plan. As part of increased awareness and surveillance for Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases, all birds physical health appearance should be assessed at the time testing is conducted.
4. Any "chick chain" birds that have been commingled with birds of unknown disease status must test negative for Pullorum-Typhoid prior to entry.
5. Please note that exhibition requirements for out-of-state livestock are the same as regular import requirements.
6. Requirements for the Junior Livestock Exposition in Murfreesboro (beef) and sheep consigned to the Junior Livestock Exposition in Cookeville must meet the following requirements:
  - All sheep that show in EXPO must have approved ear tags. Any sheep that are to be exhibited in any show (including Commercial Ewes and Market Lamb) will be required to have an approved Scrapie Program ear tag in their ear. This will apply to the sheep shown in the Tennessee Junior Livestock EXPO. This must be done in

accordance with the guidelines provided by USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and the rules of the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. **Note: Wethers are no longer exempt from the Scrapie identification requirements.**

- Exhibitors who purchase the ewes they will show must be certain the ewes have been tagged by the breeder (flock of birth). Avoid purchasing ewes to exhibit if they don't have approved ear tags.
7. **Warts and ringworm are considered contagious and infectious diseases and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
  8. **Scabies, contagious ecthyma (soremouth), footrot, cutaneous fungal and bacterial infections (i.e. club lamb disease, caseous lymphadenitis) are considered contagious and infectious diseases, and are permissible exclusions only if considered inactive by the issuing veterinarian and noted as such on the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection.**
  9. **Fair officials are responsible** for ensuring that all animals entering fairs for exhibition be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and are in overall good health. Violations should be reported to the state veterinarian or his agent.

Please retain this material for reference during the 2010 fair season.

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